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In re application of:

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21 sheet(s) of drawings (formal informal) is(are) enclosed.

56 page(s) of specification and 1 page(s) of abstract of the invention are enclosed.

An assignment of the invention to SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION and KING JIM CO., LTD. is enclosed will follow.

An associate power of attorney is enclosed will follow.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed will follow.

A certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-010091 filed January 17, 2003 from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed.

IDS enclosed (with 2 reference(s)).

Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

Application data sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.

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A	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	21	-20	1	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	18	
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	6	-3	3	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$86	258	
C SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)								276
D MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE								LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$145 \$ 0
E BASIC FEE								LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$770 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$385 \$ 770
F TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)								\$ 1046
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*LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1, 2, 4, 8, 13 and 15.

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